

## NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS PANEL

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## NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS PANEL TO HOST NATIONAL TELECONFERENCE

Panelists to Explore How Schools are Rising to the Test of Standards, Assessment and Accountability

WASHINGTON, D.C. (November 29, 2000) – The National Education Goals Panel will host a national teleconference on December 6, 2000 at 1 p.m. EST. The teleconference, entitled "Rising to the Test: Meeting the Challenges of Standards, Assessment and Accountability," focuses on how three school systems (one urban, one rural and one suburban) are aligning curriculum and instruction to match assessments and improve education. The three programs are: Henrico County Schools, just outside of Richmond, VA; Fort Recovery Local Schools in Mercer County, OH; and, Mount Royal Elementary/ Middle School in Baltimore, MD. The goal of this teleconference is to identify practices that lead to improved student learning in a standards-based environment and to share that information with other school administrators, legislators and teachers. The teleconference caps a yearlong program that included four regional field hearings to examine promising practices in education, an in-depth assessment of education reform data and a teleconference last April that examined the use of Baldrige criteria in education.

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**WHAT:** National Education Goals Panel National Teleconference –

"Rising to the Test: Meeting the Challenges of Standards, Assessment and

Accountability"

**WHO:** Gov. Tommy Thompson (Wisc.), chair

Gov. Frank O'Bannon (Ind.), panel member

Dr. Mark Edwards, Superintendent, Henrico County Schools, VA Mr. Pat Niekamp, Superintendent, Fort Recovery Local Schools, OH Mr. Mark Frankel, Principal, Mount Royal Elementary/Middle School,

Baltimore, MD

PLUS local education stakeholders at individual downlink sites.

WHEN: December 6, 2000

1 p.m. EST

**WHERE:** A registered downlink site nearest you and downlink coordinates can be

found at www.negp.gov.